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Subject: Microsoft Settlement, NO!

This settlement is not in the public interest.

It is bad for competition in software by not placing protections in place for competing businesses.

It does not properly prevent predatory practices by Microsoft because of its narrow definitions and generous provisions.

It does not help improve competition in the software world (or for any other business Microsoft decides to get into) because it fails to prohibit Microsoft from using restrictive license terms.

It does not protect consumers, because Microsoft can continue to make their product even more incompatible over time, requiring users to upgrade. It also fails to prevent Microsoft from punishing OEMs who attempt to provide consumers additional services or choices that are not in Microsoft's interests or that compete with Microsoft products.

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